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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US COMMUTER FLIGHTS TO MARSH HARBOR

1. CHARTER AIR CENTER, A FORT LAUDERDALE AIR COMMUTER OPERATOR, HAS BEEN CONDUCTING COMMUTER FLIGHTS BETWEEN FT. LAUDERDALE AND MARSH HARBOR, GREAT ABACO, BAHAMAS, FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR. COMPANY HAS BEEN CARRYING OVER 700 PASSENGERS PER MONTH USING CESSNA 402 (NINE PASSENGER) AIRCRAFT. CHARTER AIR WAS RECENTLY INFORMED BY A MR. BARTLETT OF ATLA THAT THE COMPANY'S BAHAMIAN OPERATING AUTHORITY IS BEING CANCELLED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. NO EXPLANATION REPORTEDLY WAS GIVEN.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES AT ATLA ON BEHALF OF CHARTER AIR AND CONFIRM ABOVE CANCELLATION. IF LANDING RIGHTS WERE DENIED, EMBASSY
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SHOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN FULL EXPLANATION AND TO EXPRESS ITS INTEREST IN OBTAINING A RECONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER BY THE BAHAMIAN AUTHORITIES.

3. EMBASSY MAY POINT OUT THAT THERE IS CURRENTLY PENDING BEFORE CAB AN APPLICATION BY BAHAMAS AIR TO COMMENCE SERVICE BETWEEN MARSH HARBOR AND FLORIDA WITH

LEASED AIRCRAFT. ALTHOUGH NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE

IN THIS CASE, CAB STAFF IS VIEWING APPLICATION
FAVORABLY. IT WOULD THUS APPEAR ALL THE MORE
APPROPRIATE FOR BAHAMIAN AUTHORITIES TO CONTINUE
EXTENDING RECIPROCAL RIGHTS TO CHARTER AIR. CHRISTOPHER

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